

**A VICTORY FOR YALE.**  


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**HARVARD BEATEN AT FOOTBALL BY SIX**  
**POINTS TO NOTHING.**  


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**A STUBBORN AND BRILLIANT CONTEST AT**  
**SPRINGFIELD—FIFTEEN THOUSAND**

PEOPLE ON THE GROUNDS.—  
TAILS OF THE MATCH.  
[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]  
Springfield, Mass., Nov. 23.—Yale defeated Harvard at football this afternoon on the Hamplden Park grounds after one of the cleanest, closest and most exciting games ever played between those two universities. Six points were scored by the New-Haven collegians to nothing for the players from Cambridge. Harvard's defeat was not a discreditable one, however, and those who shouted for the crimson found much encouragement in yesterday's showing, viewed in the light of the career that football has run at Harvard since 1832. Some of the more enthusiastic Harvard graduates on the field were able to see in the result, in fact, only one more instance of that fatality which has pursued athletics at Cambridge for the last four years. The two teams were so evenly matched and played so similar a game that neither side seemed rightly to deserve superiority. But just at a lucky moment Wurttemberg's ran came, and Yale scored a touchdown and a goal by grace of the last half minute in the first three-quarters. At no other time did the blue get really near enough to the goal line to make a touchdown inevitable, and a delay of thirty seconds in that particular play would have made any scoring impossible.

On the whole, however, it seems scarcely fair to say that the game was not won on its merits. For, though a lucky chance gave the Yale quarter-back his opportunity in the nick of time, the play of the Yale eleven was directed all through the game to making possible just such a dash around the Harvard eleven. Every other attempt failed of success, but the tactics had won once, and that was enough to insure victory. Yet it would be harder to pick out two teams more evenly matched. Yale excelled in the rush line where, in fact, the whole strength of her team lies. Against that solid wall the best of the Harvard rushers ran again and again without gaining a yard. And if Lee, as dashing and fleet-footed as a half-back as any college has turned out in recent years, sometimes run around the ends of the field through the edges, he never got that clear field which alone opens the way to touchdowns to the lighter players. The Harvard rush line, on the contrary, though usually effective, left much to be desired in the way of blocking and tackling, and on two or three occasions let an opposing runner slip through untouched.

Behind the line Yale is weak, and her half-backs are both far inferior to Lee and scarcely on a level with Saxe. McBride, the full-back, is also distinctly outclassed by R. Trafford, the slim and wiry freshman whom Harvard is developing as a drop and punt kicker, and who bids fair to become one of the greatest experts in the history of the game.

**REMARKABLE DROP KICK.**

One of his remarkable kicks gave Yale's backers, in fact, their most trying moment of the afternoon. Harvard had the ball half way down in Yale's territory, and after a couple of ineffectual pushes the leather was passed back to Traford apparently for a punt. The goal was probably forty yards off, and no one expected a try for it. But instead of punting it, the solemn-faced youth quickly measured the distance to the posts with his eyes, and then, with a sudden dash, he ran forward, struck the ground. The yellow sphere rose gracefully toward the goal, flying through the air scarcely two feet above the leather. The goal was not far off, and finally it fell almost into the crowd which swarmed upon the ropes behind it. From many parts of the field it looked like a goal, but those close to the goal could see that it was not. It was not at all such a thing as a goal, but it was a drop kick at which or two to the side of the western post.

But the brilliant plays which filled the two halves of the game with the most intense and prolonged interest, and which drew the largest number of spectators could have been more entirely wasted over the merits of the exhibition, which will never be remembered by all who saw it as one of the great games between the colleges.

**FINE CONDITIONS FOR FOOTBALL.**

The weather, too, could not have been more favorable, and all the conditions were perfect for an exhilarating sport like football. The sun shone at times, but not enough to dazzle the eyes of those who sat in the big grand stand facing west, and its rays tempered the air to a point at which heavy winter ulsters would be more a burden than a luxury. The ground had time enough to dry, and offered a splendid turf for the players, unbroken by mirt spots or uneven surfaces. Ample accommodations had been provided, too, for the spectators, though the crush to get in the narrow gates of the park was almost intolerable. But once inside, every opportunity was given to the spectators both to see the game and to indulge in the usual pyrotechnies in the way of cheering and singing with ease and comfort. Four big grand stands surrounded the field, and each was allotted to some particular college contingent. Harvard had the long eastern stand, Yale took the western, and the two smaller leaders of the cheering were kept busy hurling defiance across the white-lined square between Amherst College and one stand to the north, an Dartmouth another, and, singularly enough, they tried to hoist up banners displaying their sympathies. Dartmouth cheering for Harvard while the Amherst men back up firmly their fellow Congregationalists of Yale. In all probably 15,000 people were inside the inclosure, and on every side were banners waving, flags flying, and songs being sung heartily and bravely fluttering and blowing about evenly divided between the crimson and the blue.

The two teams came on the field shortly after 2 o'clock. The Harvard men arrived first, and their appearance was the signal for a burst of cheers from the Harvard benches on the east side of the park. They quickly stripped off their white "sweaters" and began passing and kicking half-dozen new footballs. Dean, the quarterback, practised tossing the leather sphere to Trafford, the full-back, who tried for goals from the 25-yard and then from the 30-yard line. The Harvard players looked rather light and hardy trained, but showed great activity and dash. The Yale men wore a few minutes in getting into practice, and then tossed the football about carelessly for awhile, the substitutes showing the greatest animation in this by-play for the benefit of the spectators. Tuisen as a whole, the New Haven players seemed heavier and more massive than their centre rush, Hanson, looking like a mound of flesh in his big white "sweater," with the figures '93 on the breast. The Yale men had the hearty greeting which no genuine New-Haven decoration ever fails to give the wearers of blue.

Time was called for play at 2:20 p. m. M. Cowan, of Princeton, had declined to act as referee, giving as a reason the present state of affairs between Harvard and Princeton, and the fact that so many of the Harvard players were under the Harvard men's claims. Mr. Porter, of the Harvard team of 1887, a celebrated half-back, was called upon in his stead, the Yale players expressing no confidence in his fairness which was fully justified in the subsequent contest. Mr. Peace, of Princeton, was the referee.

Harvard won the toss and chose the north end of the field, with a trifling advantage of which Yale consequently was deprived, and had to lead off. The field was lined up in the middle of the field in the order:

Yale.	Weight.	Position.	Harvard.	Weight.	Position.
Stange.	147.	left tackle.	Hammond.	150.	right guard.
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Hanson.	180.	right guard.	...	...	...
Rholes.	163.	right end.	...	...	...
Wheeler.	165.	right end.	...	...	...
Wetherburg.	160.	quarter-back.	...	...	...
McClure.	170.	half-back.	...	...	...
McBride.	163.	full-back.	...	...	...

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Hoffmeyer	190	left guard	Crawford
Hanson	183	center	Tilton
Newell	180	right guard	Traylor
		right tackle	Stickney

Rhodes	165	right end	Hutchinson
Hartwell	165	quarter-back	Dennis
Wurtemburg	180	half-back	Leach
McClung	155	half-back	Sax
B. Morrison	170	full-back	Trafford
McBride	155		

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